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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, CA
SUBJ: AMBASSADOR BEESLEY TO BE TRANSFERRED TO OTTAWA

1. J. ALAN BEESLEY, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IN VIENNA SINCE AUGUST, 1973, WILL BE RETURNING TO OTTAWA AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER TO TAKE UP HIS NEW APPOINTMENT AS ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERAN AFFAIRS. EXTAFF SOURCES WERE UNCERTAIN OF HIS PRECISE FUNCTIONS, BUT HE WILL CLEARLY HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOS MATTERS. HE WILL NOT BE REPLACING ANY OF THE SIX EXISTING ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARIES BUT WILL OCCUPY A NEW POSITION. MAURICE COPITHORNE, PRESENTLY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE BUREAU OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, SAYS THAT HE EXPECTS TO BE REPORTING TO BEESLEY ON ALL LEGAL MATTERS RATHER THAN TO PIERRE-ANDRE BISSONNETTE, TO WHOM HE REPORTS AT PRESENT. COPITHORNE EXPECTS THAT EXTAFF WILL REVIVE THE LONG-DEFUNCT TITLE OF LEGAL ADVISER FOR BEESLEY. IN CONTRAST TO THE OTHER SIX ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARIES WHO HAVE GENERAL SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY OVER CERTAIN AREAS BUT NOT OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, COPITHORNE EXPECTS THAT BEESLEY WILL CLEARLY HAVE FULL OPERATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR LOS MATTERS.

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2. COMMENT: SINCE BEESLEY HAS BEEN "MR. LOS" FOR CANADA, BUT FROM HIS VIENNA POST HAS BEEN SEPARATED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S LOS STAFF, THIS ARRANGEMENT IS

A MORE RATIONAL ONE. IN ADDITION, IT MAY WELL REFLECT
THE DESIRE OF EXTAFF SECSTATE MACEACHEN TO EXERT MORE
PERSONAL AUTHORITY OVER LOS MATTERS BY HAVING BEESLEY
UNDER HIS THUMB RATHER THAN OPERATING VIRTUALLY
INDEPENDENTLY OF EXTAFF AS HE HAS IN THE PAST.
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